

of lands to aid in the construction of "the Iowa and Missouri State Line Railroad," embracing such privileges and restrictions as they may deem proper to prevent any diversion of said grant from the object contemplated in this Memorial and Joint Resolution.

Resolved, That a copy of this Memorial and Resolutions be forwarded by the Secretary of State to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved February 7th, 1866.

NUMBER 5.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the Freedmen's Bureau Bill.

WHEREAS, We have learned with deep regret that the President of the United States has vetoed the Bill recently passed both Houses of Congress relating to the Freedmen's Bureau, and

Whereas, We regard the measure as eminently just and necessary in the peculiar circumstances of the Country. Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives be requested, to use their best efforts to secure the final adoption of the measure notwithstanding such veto.

Approved February 23d, 1866.

NUMBER 6.

IN RELATION TO RAILROAD LAND GRANTS.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS in relation to Lands granted to the State of Iowa to aid in the construction of Railroads.

WHEREAS, By an Act of Congress approved on the 15th day of May, 1856, a portion of the public domain was granted to the State of Iowa to aid in the construction of certain lines of Railroad, within the time therein limited, with a condition of forfeiture annexed, and

WHEREAS, The Railroad companies to which such lands were transferred, have failed to complete their several lines as required, and a renewal of such grant is desirable upon such terms as will compel the speedy completion of the roads and secure the object

of the grant, or work a forfeiture to, and place the lands under the control of the State, upon any failure by such companies to comply with such terms; Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives requested, to use their best endeavors to prevent the passage of any Act which shall withdraw from the control of the Legislature of this State the lands granted to the State to aid in the construction of railroads, or that shall in any manner release the railroad companies from their responsibility to the State.

2. That they endeavor to secure an extension of the time for the completion of the several lines of railroads under such restrictions as will secure to the State the immediate control and right of disposition of the remaining lands, in the event of a failure on the part of either of the companies receiving the benefit of such grant, to complete any section of its road within such time as may be prescribed by the Legislature thereof.

3. That the Secretary of State be instructed to transmit to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, a copy of these resolutions duly certified.

Approved March 3d, 1866.

NUMBER 7.

ASKING GRANT OF LANDS TO AID "IOWA CENTRAL" R. R.

MEMORIAL of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, asking for grant of land to aid in the construction of Iowa Central Railroad.

Your memorialists, the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, would most respectfully represent—that the several railroads running from the east to the west through our State have had valuable and munificent grants of lands given them to aid in building said roads for developing the rich resources of our young State; inducing the emigrant to settle among us, also affording facilities to transport our surplus produce to eastern markets. And in view of these benefits arising from grants to the State and the roads; your memorialists would further represent the importance of encouraging a railway connection with St. Louis and the Pine regions of the north, and by this means, affording the advantage of navigation to the ocean at all seasons.

The increasing demand for lumber for the vast country west of the route of the Iowa Central, demands that we should seek an outlet from the pineries through our State. Our produce would